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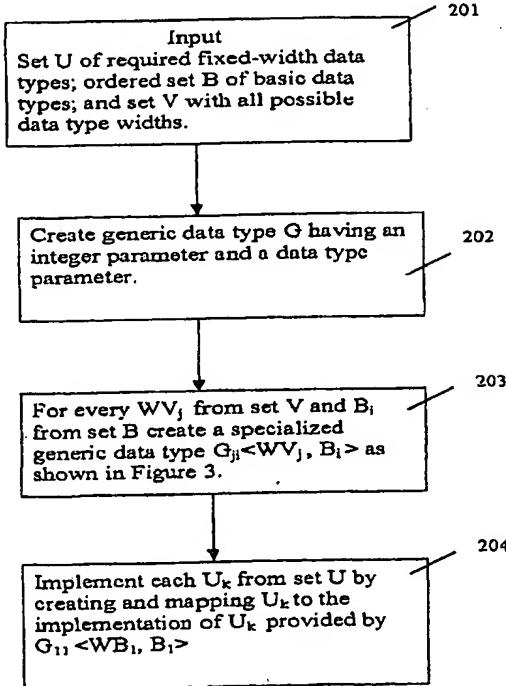
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(54) Title: A METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING FIXED-WIDTH DATA TYPES



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(57) **Abstract:** A method of implementing fixed-width data types which are not directly supported by a programming language, in a portable manner. A set U of required fixed-width data types, an ordered set B of basic data types and a set V with all possible data type widths are provided as inputs (201). A generic data type G having an integer parameter and a data type parameter is created (202). For every data type width WV_j from set V and basic data type B_i from set B a specialized data type G_{ji} is created (203). Then, each required data type U_k from set U of required data types is implemented by creating and mapping required data type U_k to the implementation of U_k provided by the generic data type G_{ji} having the parameters data type width WB₁ and basic data type B₁ (204).